

the land will be managed as a wildlife management area open to public access for hunting, fishing and whatever, but not developed as a park, simply a wildlife management area with walk-in access. If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer them and I don't know if Senator Remmers is familiar with the area or not, but simply that is what it is and I would urge that we give approval for this 58 acres to be transferred from the foundation to the Game and Parks Commission and passed into state ownership and public access.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Rupp. Discussion? Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, yes, Senator Rupp, if you would yield to a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rupp.

SENATOR RUPP: Yes.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Rupp, we have had on occasion in the past, as you well know, and I'm sure you are not surprised by the question, we have had land donated to the State of Nebraska that was a free gift to us and then turned out in later times to be a part of an operations budget that required several large amounts of General Fund expenditure and Cash Fund expenditure to the Game and Parks Commission for purposes of maintaining and operating this open facility. You mentioned that this will be a wildlife area as opposed to a park. Could you tell me what the difference in operation cost between those kind of facilities would be?

SENATOR RUPP: The operational cost for wildlife management area, and that is why I did emphasize that, Senator Hannibal, they are basically minimal to nonexistent. Whereas a park has development with camper pads, electrical outlets, possibly dump stations, roads, and what have you, wildlife management areas are just public access. Basically, there is a fence put around them. There is a sign that goes up at the access from the nearest public road that says, Open To Public, Access By Foot Traffic Only, and they are just left to go back to the natural habitat and they are not managed for any people you serve, managed somewhat for wildlife use with some very small food plots of maybe an acre or two, but there is no development, no boat ramp, no capital construction, nothing. It is just open to public access and that is by foot traffic.